

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

**COMMONWEALTH OF  
PENNSYLVANIA AND STATE OF NEW  
JERSEY,**

**Plaintiffs,**

**v.**

**DONALD J. TRUMP, ROBERT F.  
KENNEDY, JR., UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND  
HUMAN SERVICES, SCOTT BESSENT,  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
THE TREASURY, LORI CHAVEZ-  
DeREMÉR, THE UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, AND THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

**Defendants,**

**LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR  
SAINTS PETER AND PAUL HOME,**

**Defendant-Intervenor.**

**CIVIL ACTION**

**NO. 17-4540**

**ORDER**

**AND NOW**, this 13th day of August, 2025, upon consideration of Plaintiffs' Motion for Summary Judgment (ECF Nos. 341 & 345), Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment (ECF Nos. 343 & 355), and Defendant-Intervenor's Motion for Summary Judgment (ECF Nos. 342 & 354), regarding the Religious Exemptions and Accommodations for Coverage of Certain Preventive Services Under the Affordable Care Act (82 Fed. Reg. 47,4792 & 83 Fed. Reg. 57,536) (the "Religious Exemption Rule") and the Moral Exemptions and Accommodations for Coverage of Certain Preventive Services Under the Affordable Care Act (82 Fed. Reg. 47,838 &

83 Fed. Reg. 57,592) (the “Moral Exemption Rule”) (together, the “Rules”), **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** as follows:

1. Summary Judgment is **GRANTED** and **JUDGMENT** is **ENTERED** in Plaintiffs’ favor as to Plaintiffs’ claims that the Rules are arbitrary and capricious in violation of 5 U.S.C. § 706(2)(A).
2. Summary Judgment is **GRANTED** and **JUDGMENT** is **ENTERED** in Defendants’ and Defendant-Intervenor’s favor as to Plaintiffs’ claims that the Rules were promulgated in excess of Defendants’ statutory authority and in violation of the Administrative Procedure Act’s (“APA”), 5 U.S.C. § 551, *et seq.*, notice-and-comment requirement, *id.* § 553.
3. Plaintiffs’ claims pursuant to the Equal Protection Guarantee of the Fifth Amendment, U.S. Const. amend. V; Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e; and, the Establishment Clause, U.S. Const., amend. I are **DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE**, upon Plaintiffs’ request, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a).
4. The Religious Exemption Rule and the Moral Exemption Rule are **VACATED**.

**BY THE COURT:**

**S/ WENDY BEETLESTONE**

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**WENDY BEETLESTONE, C.J.**